

October 1, 1971

TO Robert Fedore, Dean of Students
From Ray Chapman, Director, University Center
Re: Use of University Facilities

Realizing that we have not resolved policy relative to University facilities usage, I raise this issue with some reservations.

It has come to my attention that two individuals whose names I believe are Bill Vaughn and J. Cloherty, are using Liberal Arts 11 for regular showing of films for which admission is charged (75¢ I believe). Reportedly, they are procuring the films and paying production costs at their own expense and receiving all net receipts from admissions. Under existing policy, they should at least be paying appropriate rent for use of University facilities in that their program is neither academic nor under the sponsorship of a legitimate non-profit campus organization. Under existing policy (long established), they would be paying as much as \$250 per performance for use of equivalent and appropriate space in the University Center--based upon a sliding scale which considers nature of sponsoring agent, use of facility, and whether or not admission is charged for the event. Under proposed policy changed I would raise the question as to whether their program serves the interests of the University community because of the apparent profit-taking motive. Presumably, it might serve those interests.

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Clem Williams, Inc., Pittsburg, Pennsylvania. Contract date is February 22, 1971; play dates are March 11-12, 1971, and the contract was signed by William T. Vaughn (Sports Editor, Kaimin) and Henry C. Bird (past Business Manager, Kaimin). A telephone call to Clem Williams Films, Inc. this date produced the following information:

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That William T. Vaughn issued a personal check in the amount of \$30, March 22, 1971, payable to Clem Williams Films, Inc. Unfortunately, the check was returned for non-sufficient funds. Subsequent communication between Clem Williams Films, Inc. and the University of Montana produced a letter from Henry C. Bird of June 15, to Clem Williams Films, Inc. stating, in essence, that Bird had no knowledge of the contract and that neither he nor the Montana Kaimin had any responsibility for payment. I have asked Clem Williams Films, Inc. to forward photocopies of correspondence and other relative materials to me.

Similar situations have occurred on this campus, most notable of which was another film society under the direction of an ex-faculty member. The final results of that program left I.M.S. and Devon Chandler holding the bag for bills totaling approximately \$800 for film rentals, labor charges for projectionists, long distance phone calls, etc. More recently, you will recall that an ex-student had ordered films from a film distributor using Program Council's name as sponsor, signing his own name to the contract as their agent. The result? Another unpaid bill.

Each of these circumstances points up the urgent need to clarify the legitimacy and solvency of our campus organizations before services are rendered them and credit accordingly extended them.

Such situations as cited above are both embarrassing to this institution or departments within the institution, and fiscally hazardous to agencies on or off campus servicing the University.

I think now is the time to pursue finalization of any policy change anticipated to avoid, if possible, future problems. As far as Mr. Vaughn and Mr. Cloherty and their current film series is concerned, let us at least determine the following:

Are they paying appropriate rent for use of academic space?

With whom are they doing business? (film rentals, etc.)

Are they solvent?

As far as the unpaid bill as per Dun & Bradstreet, Inc. collection notice, let us give Bill Vaughn ample opportunity to remit payment in full.

RC:wb

cc: George Mitchell
J.A. "Del" Brown
John Christensen
Dave Gorton
Tim Parrott

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Paul T. Smith, Chairman
Montana Railroad and Public Services Commission
State Capitol Building
Helena, Montana 59601

Dear Mr. Smith:

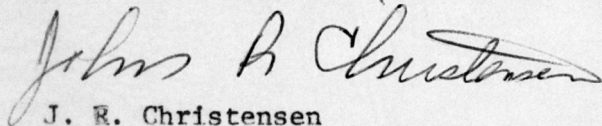
All people, including students, are directly dependent upon the supply of utilities. The cost of utilizing such utilities as gas and electricity is inescapable in a modern society and may well work an economic hardship upon students operating with limited financial resources. The cost of utilities provided in University dormitories is directly carried by students, and any increase in utility costs will result in increased costs for students to attend the University of Montana.

The Montana Power Company has requested the Montana Public Service Commission to authorize increased rates for gas and electricity and to approve a price adjustment clause which may result in future rate increases, all to the financial detriment of students as students.

The Montana Power Company currently has profits on net income of 22 percent. The Montana Power Company currently has an effective return of 10 percent. Most states limit utilities to a 6 percent return.

The Montana Power Company does not now need increased rates and granting a price adjustment clause would work future economic hardships on numbers of people who would thusly be deprived any right of protest.

Therefore, the Central Board of the Associated Students of the University of Montana does hereby express its opposition to the Montana Power Company's requested rate of increases and its request for a price adjustment clause, and a copy of this resolution shall be forwarded to the Montana Public Services Commission with the request that said commission deny the requests of the Montana Power Commission, and further request that said commission investigate the need and justification to initiate rate reductions for gas and electricity provided by the Montana Power Company.



J. R. Christensen
ASUM President

CC to J. E. Corrette

UNIVERSITY OF MONTANA

TO: President Pantzer, University of Montana
FROM: John R. Christensen
RE: Appointments to Traffic Board
DATE: October 1, 1971

This is to inform you that Clay Collier has been appointed as a member of Traffic Board. Ralph Dreyer is an alternate to this same committee. I will inform you later on of the other alternate.

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